

ABSTRACT

The invention is a cabinet lock for selectively locking a cabinet of a kind comprising a compartment structure (1) and a closure (2) movable relative to the compartment structure for selectively closing an opening of the compartment structure. The cabinet lock comprises of a latch bolt assembly (5) including a mounting (8) and a bolt (9) movably disposed with the mounting between a locking position and an unlocked position. Also provided is a striker (6) including a coupling region with which the bolt can couple to thereby isolate relative movement between the latch bolt and the striker in at least one direction lateral to the direction of movement of the bolt between its locking position and the unlocked position. The striker is engagable with the compartment structure and the latch bolt is engagable with the closure in a manner to place such in coupling proximity when the closure is in closing relation with the opening of the compartment structure. The latch bolt includes means to urge the bolt to the locking position. The striker includes an interference means movable to interfere with the movement of the bolt into coupling engagement with the coupling region of the striker to thereby prevent coupling.